



BH Roundup Named Top Medium Rodeo

Roundup wins national award for the first time and hopes to build on the achievement as they move toward centennial year.

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LAS VEGAS - The last bucking chute may have opened on July 4th but the action hasn't stopped for the Black Hills Roundup this year. On Wednesday, Dec. 5th the rodeo was named the nation's best Medium Rodeo of the Year during awards night at the PRCA's biggest stage, the WNFR in Las Vegas. It's the first time the Roundup has been so honored.

The award is based on voting by the rodeo athletes, contractors and others who participate. The Roundup completed its 99th year in Belle Fourche over the Fourth of July with enthusiastic crowds, an energetic pen of livestock, non-stop gritty action and national-class specialty acts. Apparently cowboys and cowgirls know what they like.

"I don't know if there are words to say how we all felt when they announced us," said Committee Chairman Clay Crago. "Just to be in the top five, to be nominated was pretty special. But to win, there were a few tears, a lot of smiles and we were real proud."

Crago was one of 17 Roundup committee members who took the stage to receive the award at the South Point Casino's Grand Ballroom when the announcement was made. "They kept asking us, was there anybody left in Belle Fourche?" Crago

said with a laugh.

What made the announcement even a bit more special was that it came from the Awards Night emcee, Chad Nicholson, who has been the announcer of the Roundup for the past 20 years.

"For him to be able to make that announcement for us just made it that much cooler," Crago said.

The Roundup's stock contractor the past 30 years, Powder River Rodeo, was up for Contractor of the Year. That award went to Frontier Rodeo of Oklahoma. However, Jill Franzen Loden, daughter of Powder River owners Hank and Lori Franzen, was named Music Director of the Year. Jill has provided the music for the Roundup several times in year's past.

The Black Hills Roundup was nominated once before in 2007 but did not receive the award. This year they were chosen from more than 200 other medium-sized rodeos from across the nation who were eligible for the award. The classes are chosen by the amount of prize money awarded and the Roundup has moved into the medium-sized rodeo category during the past few years. Voting takes place in two rounds with athletes, contractors and other participants casting ballots in the first round. The top five rodeos are then nominated and



WINNER'S CIRCLE - The Black Hills Roundup committee poses for press photos in the winner's circle at the South Point Casino's Grand Ballroom where they were awarded Medium Rodeo of the Year. The banner in the center will be on display at the Roundup grounds. In the center, Chairman Clay Crago holds the framed gold winner's buckle. - *Courtesy Photo*

a second round of voting among a broader cross section of the sport eventually chooses the winner.

"These past few days here in Vegas when any of us were wearing our committee shirts and walking through the hotel or the arena you had folks from all over the country coming up to shake your hand and congratulate you. I gotta say, it's really something special for Belle Fourche," Crago said.

When Crago first moved back to Belle from Texas in 1994 and began working with the Roundup he thought it would be pretty incredible to see the rodeo someday be nominated as one of the nation's best. He says through a lot of hard work

from the dedicated committee, volunteers, sponsor support and perseverance it finally has all come together.

"We laugh about it, but it only took us 100 years," he says with a smile. "I was just lucky enough to be the chairman of it when it happened. It's quite an honor."

But luck, they say, is when preparation meets opportunity.

Three years ago when Crago was assistant, Committee Chairman Justin Tupper put out the call to add the "wow" factor to the event. The rodeo expanded to four rounds of PRCA competition. A second night of fireworks were added. Additionally a partnership was created with the Days of '47 Cowboy Games and Rodeo in an effort to attract more top talent during the busy Fourth of July weekend. Prize money was also increased. The momentum was clearly building as the rodeo approached its 100th anniversary.

When Clay took over as chairman a year and a half ago he and his wife traveled to see

the famous Pendleton Round-up rodeo in Oregon. "It was always on my bucket list," he said. "I wanted to see how they do things and why it's such a special rodeo. The way their community comes together and how they support it, I've never seen anything like it."

As it turns out, Pendleton's event was honored alongside the Black Hills Roundup this year as they garnered the award for best Large Outdoor Rodeo. Experiencing Pendleton, a town of 16,000 in eastern Oregon, was inspiration enough for Crago to keep pushing for new ideas on how to keep improving Belle Fourche's signature event. "We just want to keep the throttle wide open and keep looking for ways to make things even better," he says.

It would be hard to match the accolades the event has enjoyed in 2018. Not only was the Black Hills Roundup named the top medium rodeo in the country, but the Black Hills Roundup Committee was also

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Belle Senior Zane Rankin Named QuestBridge Scholar

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Zane Rankin, Belle Fourche senior, was recently awarded a "Questbridge" scholarship. The current Belle Fourche High School student body president will attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie New York in the fall. He will study Political Science with a plan to follow his undergraduate work with Law School.

The Questbridge Scholarship is a powerful platform that connects the nation's brightest students with leading institutions of higher education. Working with the premise that talented lower income applicants (Family gross income under \$65,000) would not make application to "elite" schools like Vassar, MIT, Harvard, Yale, etc. The \$200,000+ scholarship will afford the opportunity for Rankin to attend one of the nation's best universities and enter the ranks of national leadership itself. Questbridge's goal is to bring the nation's best and brightest students regardless of income or geography to its premier academic institutions.

Zane, the son of Becky Rankin, has a 4.08 GPA; scored 30 on his ACT test and is currently ranked 5th among Belle



Zane Rankin, Belle Fourche High school senior and Student body President donned a Vassar "hoodie" for an interview about his Questbridge Scholarship.

seniors. When asked about his choice of Vassar College (located about half way between New York City and the NY's capital of Albany in Poughkeepsie, NY (pop 44,337), Zane stated that, "Vassar is noted for it's strong Political Science Department and that it boasts a 98% placement of graduates to law

school", which is already on Zane's radar. He also commented "the school is on the Hudson River" and he likes to fish. His research told him they catch bass there.

Another Belle Fourche connection also weighed into the decision. Belle Fourche school Librarian Karen Schlekeway's daughter, Sarah Graves, a friend of Zane, currently goes to school at Vassar. Roughly 2,450 students attend Vassar, and 98% live on campus. About 60% come from public high schools, and 40% come from private schools (both independent and religious). Vassar is currently 56% women and 44% men, at national average for national liberal arts colleges. Students are taught by more than 336 faculty members, virtually all holding the doctorate degree or its equivalent. The student-faculty ratio is 8:1, average class size, 17.

"Vassar College accepted 22 QuestBridge applicants in 2008; last fall, that number increased to 70, representing 10% of its

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VASSAR COLLEGE - Rockefeller Hall at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, NY, will become very familiar to Zach Rankin. The Belle Fourche HS Senior has been awarded a full ride through the QuestBridge Scholar program and will study Political Science, housed in this building. -*Courtesy Photo*

Festival of Trees Fundraiser



FIRST INTERSTATE BANK'S Mike Tyndall welcomes the crowd prior to the start of festival of trees fundraising auction to benefit BF Ministerial Association, BF Senior Meals Program, Imagination Library and the Greater Belle Fourche Foundation.



LYDIA MAIN of the Valley View 4-H Club was on hand for the event. Valley View 4-H donated a "Crateful of Goodies" for the Auction.



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Heartfelt Musical Benefit Concert Held at Connection Church



Above Left: Concert Organizer Seth Sterner with Wanda Trimble.
Above right: Connection Church's Worship Pastor Ashton Rone with Sterner.
Lower Right: Carroll Comes, Camp Crook (Recently on a four wheeler to help her see she can still be involved in the outdoor ranching activities she loves)



Cherry Bieber Special for the Beacon

In February of 2018, after months of physical therapy for increasing pain in her left hip,

Wanda Trimble was told she needed an MRI, which revealed what none of us want to hear... the cause of her pain was cancer. She began undergoing treatments and then further testing revealed that the primary tumor is stage 4 lung cancer. With the support of her loving husband, Dr. James Trimble, their family, many friends and a deep faith, she has kept a very hopeful attitude and continues to push through the treatments.

Wanda's plight and that of her family, lay heavily on the heart of Seth Sterner. He had a special bond with the Trimble family and especially Wanda. "She has always been like an aunt to me," he says with emotion. Seth, having been raised by his uncle and biological aunt, Gordon and Cherry Bieber, was very special to Wanda and he spent time with the Trimble family through the years as he grew up. When he heard of Wanda's battle with cancer, he was moved immediately to put on a benefit concert with hopes to help defray the mounting costs of her treatment.

On October 22, 2018, Seth and his family received the news that his sister, Carroll Comes of Camp Crook, South Dakota, was thrown from her horse and suffered traumatic injury to her spine and spinal cord. She had been life flighted to Fargo, North Dakota where she underwent surgery. She was paralyzed from the waist down and was told there was no hope of regaining use of her legs. After two weeks in Fargo, she was flown to the Craig Institute in Colorado where she has been receiving treatments, therapies, and education in car-

ing for herself and getting back into life despite her condition. She is undaunted by the news of "permanent" paralysis. She has seen the Lord perform miracles before and presses forward to live her life to the fullest with that faith. It is with joyful anticipation that she awaits her return home, December 20, 2018, to her loving family; husband, Mark Comes, and her daughters, Samantha, Emily, and Addisyn.

Upon receiving the news of Carroll's accident, Seth told his mom that he was going to put on a benefit concert for her as well after the one for Wanda was done. However, to his surprise and joy, Jim and Wanda expressed the desire to have the proceeds from their benefit concert split between them and Carroll. Seth was overwhelmed and very touched by such generosity! He didn't tell his sister the news until a few days prior to the event, as he wanted it to be a big surprise to her.

A crowd of almost 100 people was treated to the musical talents of Pastor Aaron Blankenship of Connection Church in Sturgis, Worship Pastor Kaleb Carlin of Connection Church in Spearfish, Worship Pastor Ashton Rone of Connection Church in Belle Fourche, Kenzie Gallagher of Sturgis, and Seth Sterner of Belle Fourche. It was a very enjoyable, light-hearted evening. The kind generosity of those who attended the concert was evidenced in the collection of over \$3,000.00 donated that evening. It is with much gratitude that we thank all who attended and gave to help out two of our families!

Cops and Kids Donation



HELPING THE KIDS - Regional Health presents the Belle Fourche Police Department with a check for \$150 to go towards the Cops and Kids program. Pictured above (l to r): Rhonda Fuhner, Vern Bills, Nicole Hoyme and Thomas Worsely, President, Spearfish and Belle Fourche Markets for Regional Health, Mayor Gloria Landphere, Chief Marlyn Pomrenke, Officer Matt Dunn, Officer Tony Garcia and Officer Chris Brill.

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Friday: 7:30 p.m.

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Clay Conry, Associate Pastor
Sunday
Long Term Care Service
8:45 p.m.
Sunday School: All ages
9:30 a.m.
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(605)-210-2150
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Sunday: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship

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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Bible Class

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Worship: 10:45 a.m.

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Splash Pad Grant Awarded

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PIERRE- Gov. Dennis Daugaard’s office has announced the awarding of more than \$480,000 in Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grants to 11 South Dakota Communities. Included in the list is a project being planned in Belle Fourche.

A grant of \$75,000 has been made available for a new splash pad in Belle Fourche. The grant lists the location as Jones Park. The Belle Fourche grant was the largest in terms of dollar amount awarded in the state.

A splash pad is a water playground area that typically has little to no standing water and uses ground nozzles and fountains that spray waters upwards out of the pad’s raindeck.

As reported in the Aug. 9th Beacon, after discussions with the mayor, city engineer and public works director, Jones Park was presented as the best choice for locating the splash pad during a late-July meeting of the Public Works Committee.

The grant provides up to 50 percent reimbursement of costs which means that the city would have to fund another \$75,000 for the project. The city council has budgeted \$100,000 for the splash pad in its 2019 capital improvement plan (CIP) budget. If things progress, it’s possible the project would be constructed this coming summer.

“I commend these project sponsors for their strong commitment to improve their communities and make South Dakota a better place to live, work and play,” Gov. Daugaard said. “Their efforts will benefit future generations of South Dakotans.”

The LWCF grant monies come from the National Park Service and are administered in South Dakota by the Department of Game, Fish and Parks.



DITCHING THE iPad - A splash pad is being planned for Jones Park. The city has received a \$75,000 grant from the State Game Fish and Parks to help make it happen. A splash pad, like the one in the artist's drawing above, has water fountains, jets and other features but no standing water, eliminating the need for a lifeguard. - *Courtesy file photo*

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Beacon!

Chamber Report

From Chamber Director Gary Wood

Have You Had Your Eyes Checked?

I’ve entitled this article Have You Had Your Eyes Checked? But I could also have called it, “More Good News”. My aim is to encourage you to better appreciate your life here at the Center of the Nation. Here is some good news heard by one of our local business owners at the beginning of our city’s Christmas celebration. A guest from Pennsylvania, visiting relatives here and attending the celebrations downtown, said to them, “How heartwarming it is to be here. I had chili and listened to the Cowboy Band, I walked around looking at all the lights and enjoying downtown Belle Fourche and I feel like I’m in a 1940’s Christmas movie.” I quote her because that is such good news for our town and we need to recognize what she and many others say about Belle Fourche. We can easily take things for granted and this “outsider’s” perspective reminds us all to take a good look at what we enjoy in our community. Keeping in mind all the volunteers it takes to create such an atmosphere. We may take it for granted but those visiting us from out of town and out of state see it from a different perspective. I suggest that we put on some “visitor glasses” and take a second look at our community and appreciate what it is that we so often take for granted. This is not my home town, but I so appreciate hearing from “locals” (people that

have been here more than the eleven years that I’ve been in Belle Fourche) what they love about Belle Fourche. My job and the job of the Chamber is to promote Belle Fourche. Believe me, I get inspired when I hear stories like that above and talk to our “locals” and “returnees” about their experience in their home town of Belle Fourche. My office is in a building that holds a vast amount of memories for Belle Fourche residents. I look out my window and see the Farmer’s Insurance building that used to be the A & W and I often think about the kids running over there for lunch. Marcia Jarvi Hultman, the current SD Secretary of Labor, said in a speech here in Belle not long ago that she “graduated from the A & W school of business,” as a teenager here in Belle Fourche. She has reached the highest levels of state government, but her home town is still in her heart. In fact she even returned to have a booth at last weekend’s Le Belle Marche’ Indoor Market. I’d encourage you this Christmas season to share some good news about the season, looking at the good you enjoy living here in South Dakota and Belle Fourche. Remember, we are the center of the nation. Let the Good news ring out from here this holiday season. I’d like to hear more and I’m sure so would you. Merry Christmas from the Chamber



Belle Fourche Community Calendar

Wednesday - 12 Chamber Member Holiday Open House 9am-3pm, Chamber of Commerce office Thursday - 13 Jackson Dental Christmas Open House 5:30-8:30pm Downtown Revitalization Meeting 5:30-6:30pm, City Hall Fri/Sat - 14-15 Posy Palace Holiday Open House Fri. Noon-5pm, Posy Palace “The Christmas Goose” Tri-State Performers Play 7pm, Tri-State Museum and Visitors Center Christmas Gift Shopping Spree for Kids Sat. 10am-2pm, St. Paul’s Catholic Church	Sunday - 16 Family Fun Day - Christmas Crafts 2pm, Tri-State Museum and Visitor Center Bob Fox Memorial Youth Big Buck Contest 2pm, Dakota Mill & Grain Monday - 17 City Council Meeting 7pm, City Hall Tuesday - 18 Chamber Early Bird Networking & Coffee 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce CONBA Meeting 5:30pm, Americlnn Wednesday - 19 Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp Meeting 7am, 5th & Grant Plaza	Friday - 21 Angel Store 5pm, BF United Methodist Church Chamber Early Bird Networking & Coffee 7:30am, Chamber of Commerce Tuesday - 25 Christmas Day Belle Fourche Community Christmas Dinner 11am, Community Hall Wednesday - 26 Legal Finance Meeting 5:15pm, City Hall Public Works Meeting 6pm, City Hall If you would like to see a community event in the calendar, please email News@BelleFourcheBeacon.com.
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CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPITOL - The state LDE contest was held Dec. 3 in Pierre, SD. The Belle Fourche FFA chapter was represented very well by two teams, Ag communications and Chapter Conduct of Meeting. The Agricultural Communications team placed 5th receiving a bronze. The Chapter Conduct of Meeting didn't end up placing, but represented Belle very well.

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Love, James

Dear Santa,
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From Elijah to Santa!

Der Sata
How Dus Rudoph nos glo? Can I pes have a cheritraot outfit and can I have pops to can I have Mrers pes can I have sime pes and I wot glithgoo I love you I wot a gastis bor.
Love Bella

Dear Santa,
how do your elfs discoys as toys? I wat toy.
Frum Brock

Dear Santa
I would like a phone! I like yor slay. How do you eat all those cookies?
Sincerely, Tayia

Dear Santa,
I would like a horse! I like your reendeer! How do your elvs make toys?
Your friend,
McKenna

Dear Santa
I hop you had a god sum-mar I ned sum new shos I am going to wont a anna-racin girl doll.
Love Alison

Dear Santa
wut cind of cooke do you like? I need tols to help my dad.
Love Casey

Dear Santa
How are you? I need cloze I want Ranch toys.
From Jaxon

Dera Santa
I have a cat Do you still have yor rander? I need sum snow boots I wot a ta-blit
Love Tessa

NOTES TO THE NORTH POLE...

A collection of letters to Santa, written by students at South Park Elementary.

Dear Santa,
How are You? I would like a NWO bike and a Book Vat I can red. From Piper I love you. Santa.
Love Piper

Dear Santa,
I want a laptop for Christ-mas. I like Santa's rander and how you mak wishes come true.
Love Zander

Dear Santa,
How Do yor elfs do the trees? I wud like a Drbe Drem has! I need sum Kul rdgeetls.
From Eme

Dear Santa,
How does your Reindeer flie? Please give me a baller 10 BillionBillion and a jeep that you can drive. Santa I love your Elfs.
By Jessop for Santa

Dear Santa,
I would like candy. I like your elfs. How do you trav-el around the world?
Love Kaylee

Dear Santa,
I would like a gocart and a German Shepherd! How do you hav anuf room.
Your frend Sawyer

Dear Santa
thank you for driviring presents. I need new soks. I want scoosmos.
Merry Christmas
Chason

Dear Santa
I like you cus you giv us presents and you no who invented Christmas
From Will

Dear Santa
I hope you had a good Sumer. I need sum soft soks. I want sum unicorn slime.
From Brylee

Dear Santa!
I need New cloos. I want Lol Dolls Please and I reelle like you cus you are good. I love you so much!
Love Jordyn!



Dear Santa,
I would like a stuffie wolf and toy Santa! I like your randerer! How do your elfs mac all the toys?
Your friend, Jacob

Dear Santa,
How is mis Kos doing? Please can haf a horse set an a big hachls tow? Hav a saftrip.
From Gracie or Grace

Dear Santa,
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from Kirk.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Nintendo Switch! I like your elfs! How do you dlivr presnis to the hole world in one night?
Your frend Jace

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Love Sky

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Broncs Show Depth in 61-44 Win Over Hill City

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

Right out of the gate it is easy to see why Belle Fourche boys' basketball coach Clay Pottorff is so enthusiastic about his deep and versatile roster this season. The Broncos used their depth to wear down Hill City, outscoring the Rangers by 15 points in the second half and claiming a commanding 61-44 victory in their season opener at the Ed Petranek Armory on Friday night in front of an energetic home crowd. "I'm really excited but also still trying to figure out how to get that many guys in – trying to figure out that rotation of keeping guys in rhythm but also getting subs in quick enough to keep guys fresh." Pottorff said after the victory. "In the second half Hill City started to wear down a little bit and our boys still seemed like it was the first quarter to them. That is something we'll keep working on throughout the year but is something that should be an asset to us in many games." Junior Colby Nowowiejski sparked the Broncos' first-half offense with eight points off the bench, including a pair of three-pointers that helped Belle Fourche take a 21-19 lead into the locker room. Fifteen of those 19 Hill City

points at the break were courtesy of their 6-foot, 6-inch senior, Taylor Edwards. The Broncos would have to find a way to neutralize Edwards to extend their lead and did so with a half-time adjustment. "At halftime we put our 5-man in to hold the lane and not worry about who they were guarding – let their man be unguarded on the perimeter but be there as a second defender." Pottorff said. "We just put a rim protector in that lane constantly all the time and that seemed to stop a few of his drives at least and then we took a couple charges on him so that was good to see." The adjustment paid off as Edwards was held to just 10 second-half points while Belle Fourche's offense was just getting rolling. The Broncos started the third quarter on an 8-0 run and soon pushed the lead to double-digits in the fourth quarter as Nowowiejski and senior Tate Hostetter traded three's, while junior Kelby Olson found his way to the rim after a quiet start. "Kelby maybe didn't have his usual night but still did some nice things for us and kind of delivered the few final knock-out blows late in the game," Pottorff added. Nowowiejski and Olson led the Broncos offensively as the



Jr. Forward Kelby Olson shoots free throw to break 19-19 tie in first half of home opener. Seniors **Cauy Jennings** and **Taten Fox** are back on defense.

pair of juniors scored 13 points apiece. Seniors Tate Hostetter and Cauy Jennings (a summer Spearfish transfer) added eight points each. "Cauy Jennings is a nice new addition and he brings a calming presence to us," Pottorff said. "He plays composed and under control on offense." Another pair of seniors earned their coach's praise for their defensive efforts in slowing down Edwards down the stretch. "Chandler Kerr took two big charges that I haven't seen before in five years of knowing him," Pottorff said. "Taten Fox also handled the assignment

well." Belle Fourche was 7-15 on free throws (47%) while Hill City shot 14 for 24 from behind the free-throw line (58%). Edwards finished with a game-high 25 points, including 7 of 9 on free throws, to lead the Rangers. Although the season is very early, Friday's win marks a drastic improvement over last year's season opener, a 64-29 defeat in Hill City. This year it is the Broncos who are the older and more experienced team. "Offensively we still worked out some first game of the season kinks but having that ex-

perience from last year really helped us," Pottorff said. "Last year we got punched in the mouth the first game – I think the boys understand now the pace of play and physicality they need to bring each night." In the JV game, Belle Fourche posted a 67-21 victory. Nowowiejski led the Broncos with 12 points while sophomores Brexten Garza and Lan Fuhrer added nine points apiece. Belle Fourche travels to Sturgis on Tuesday, December 11 before hosting Sundance (Dec. 14) and Newcastle (Dec. 15) in the Stateline Shootout.

Lady Broncos Aggressive Play Wins out 43-40 Over Hill City in Opener



Senior Guard Rylee Young and **Harley Fischer #11** trap Hill City ball carrier. Belle's "stingy" defense put the Ranger offense under control in the second half. *Courtesy Photo*

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche girls' basketball team took plenty of trips to the free-throw lane in the fourth quarter of their season opener versus Hill City and came up clutch on those attempts, sealing a 43-40 victory at the Ed Petranek Armory on Friday, December 8th. The Broncos, who saw an early lead slip away, hit 19 of 26 free-throw attempts (73%), compared to just six for 17 (35%) for the visiting Rangers. "We created a couple turnovers in the fourth quarter and that helped us get in front," Belle Fourche head coach Bill Burr said. "We knocked down some free throws which were big for us." It appeared early that the Broncos might run away with their first game of the 2018-19 season, opening up a 15-9 advantage after one quarter. But Hill City switched to a zone defense in the second frame and that created problems for Belle Fourche, who managed just five more points in the second quarter and trailed Hill City 21-20 at the break. "We've got a lot to work on," Burr added. "We were kind of sloppy and we had 24 turnovers and we just can't do that. We have to take care of the

basketball." After a tight third quarter which saw the score tied at 31-31 entering the fourth, the Broncos couldn't get their outside shots to fall – they had no three-pointers for the game – but were able to penetrate inside and made the most of their opportunities at the free-throw line. "We were a little more aggressive in the second half," Burr said. "Rylee (Young) and Harley (Fischer) did well getting to the bucket and creating some offense – that is what got us to the line." Belle Fourche's aggressiveness on offense not only paid off with free throw attempts, but it also caused three Hill City starters to foul out in the fourth quarter. Young, a senior, led the Broncos in scoring with 12 points and added six rebounds. Fellow senior Payson Birkeland added a double double from her post position with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Ashley Byrd (senior) added five points and seven rebounds while juniors Fischer (eight points & six rebounds) and Bree Pierce (five points) also earned their coach's praise as the Broncos try to find a lineup to replace five starters who graduated off of last year's squad.

"We have three great seniors coming back – Payson, Ashley, and Rylee," Burr said. "With Harley coming over (Spring 2018 Spearfish transfer) that helped us fill a spot and Bree came off the bench to start for us tonight, her first time playing varsity." Sophomore Kadyn Comer led Hill City with 13 points, on the strength of three three-pointers. In JV action, the Broncos defeated the Rangers 37-31. Sophomore Hayley Wilbur had 13 points to lead the way while junior Savannah Rosales added 10 points. In the C game, Belle Fourche claimed a 44-23 win. Wilbur led the way with 15 points while freshman Kaylin Garza added 12 points. "I thought our freshman did pretty well," Burr added. "They got up and down the court and the JV team also hustled very well. They (JV) were very aggressive going after loose balls and on defense." Up next, Belle Fourche (1-0) travels to Sturgis on Tuesday, December 11th before hosting Sundance (Dec. 14) and Newcastle (Dec. 15) at the Stateline Shootout.

HC	9	21	31	40
BF	15	20	31	43

Belle 7th Grade Girls 1-2 Last Week

CHRIS RILEY
Special to the Beacon

The Belle Fourche 7th grade girls' basketball team has entered the finishing stretch of their season. On Thursday, December 6th the Broncos took the long trip to Gillette to face Sage Valley and were defeated by the Eagles by a final of 48-10. Reese Larson, Mataya Ward, Lorelei Seaman, Avery Cherveney, and Shaine Weishaar each scored two points. On Saturday, December 8th the Broncos traveled to Custer to take on the Wildcats and Hot Springs. In the first game it was Belle Fourche defeating Hot Springs 35-6. Reese Larson scored nine points to lead the Broncos in vic-

tory. Sloan Young and Mataya Ward added six points apiece. Sarah Juelfs chipped in four, while Anika Main and Hannah Kirksey each scored 3. Avery Cherveney and Allison Hayes rounded out the scoring for Belle Fourche with two points each. In the second game the Broncos battled Custer in a tight contest before falling by a final of 20-17. Reese Larson once again led the way with six points while Mataya Ward added five. Olivia Nehl had four points and Shaine Weishaar added two. The 7th grade team will wrap up their season on Saturday, December 15th at the Hill City Tourney.



BB Cheerleaders are: Chompu Aimurai, Serena Davis, Tristan Garman, Amity Middleton, Avery Middleton, Caitlin Ringling, Emma Singer, & Destiny Voyles *Courtesy photo*

2018-19 BFHS Boy's Varsity Basketball Schedule			
Dec 07	Broncs-Hill City	61-44	
Dec 11	8:00 pm @ Sturgis Brown		
Dec 14	7:00 pm vs. Sundance, WY		
Dec 15	3:30 pm vs. Newcastle, WY		
Dec 18	5:30 pm @ New Underwood		
Dec 21	6:30 pm MT @ Lemmon- DH		
Dec 28	TBA Aberdeen Roncalli @ Rapid City		
Dec 29	5:00 pm Madison @ Rapid City CvCntr		
Jan 05	7:00 pm @ Red Cloud		
Jan 08	7:00 pm vs Spearfish		
Jan 12	4:00 pm vs. Wright, WY		
Jan 18	5:00 pm vs. Hot Springs		
Jan 19	4:00 pm @ Bowman County, ND		
Jan 22	7:30 pm @ Lead-Deadwood		
Jan 24	7:00 pm vs. Harding County		
Feb 01	7:00 pm vs. Douglas		
Feb 05	6:30 pm @ RC Christian- Hart Ranch		
Feb 08	7:30 pm @ Custer		
Feb 12	5:30 pm vs. Sturgis Brown		
Feb 19	7:30 pm @ St. Thomas More		



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ROUNDUP

inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame this past August in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In October the Roundup was given the top grounds keeping award for best surface in the Badlands Circuit. And as the event readies for its 100th celebration this July they will have a new museum and a brand new main grandstand at the rodeo grounds.

"The concrete footings have already been poured," Crago said. "They'll deliver the materials in March and the grandstands should be up shortly after

that."

As planning for the 100th continues, Crago says his philosophy will be to celebrate the rich history of the event. "My vision has always been to kind of take it back old school," he says. "We'll have our 10th ranch rodeo, Native Americans, a tepee and chuck-wagon races. It's gonna be as wild and western as we can get it."



TOP NOTCH - A close up of the buckle awarded to the Black Hills Roundup Wednesday Dec. 5th.



BFACC's "Little Dribblers" performed at half time of the BF-Hill City Girls Basketball game. They were assisted by the 7th Grade Girl's BB team. Back row: Allison Hayes, Mataya Ward, Olivia Nehl, Avery Cherveney, Sarah Juelfs, Hannah Kirksey, Anika Main, Shaine Weishaar, Reese Larson, Sloan Young. Middle row: Tyler Schmidt, Keaton Davis, Adilynn Burke, Emersyn Carmichael, Bryn Coyle, Caprice Wermers, Madalynn Rhoads, Roman Stankey, Audrey Jeitz. Front row: Maddox Clarkson, Cole Draine, Gunner Walding, Ethan Vopat, Adrianna Bishop, Wyatt Stumpf, Jacey Nash. *Courtesy photo*



KEEPERS OF THE TREES - The First Interstate Bank staff oversaw the display and safekeeping of the Festival of Trees entries: Sheri Boy kneeling. Della Ryken, Sandra Kringen, Heather Gatzke, Janis Steeves and Lonna Jackson. *First Interstate Bank Courtesy Photo*



"TREE OF COMMERCE" - Belle Fourche Chamber was one of 17 Trees decorated & donated for the event. Chamber Volunteer Kay Cooper was the creator of this finery.

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freshman class", said Art D. Rodriguez, dean of admission and financial aid.

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By: Doug Cole

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Marking Two Milestones on the Road of Life

BHSU News Release

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SPEARFISH - This was a big weekend for Maryanne Darling-Reich of Belle Fourche.

On Friday, Dec. 7, Maryanne turned 50 years old. On Saturday, Dec. 8, she graduated from BHSU with her bachelor's degree in business administration.

Maryanne completed all her classes online while working full-time at Black Hills Energy. "I always wanted to go back to school. I finally started taking college classes 25 years after I graduated from high school," said Maryanne.

It was a combination of factors that finally encouraged Maryanne to pursue her degree: career growth, tuition reimbursement, and seeing her own three children pursue their college dreams.

"One of the biggest drivers for me was that I was in a plateau in my job," said Maryanne. "I knew having my college degree would help me get to where I want to be in my career."

Maryanne has worked at BH Energy for 10 years. She started in purchasing and is now a NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation) Compliance Analyst, helping to ensure her organization provides reliable electric service.

With BHSU online classes, Maryanne said she was able to complete her courses at her own pace, on her own time. "I studied during lunch breaks, and if I traveled for work I could take my homework with me. It was great taking classes online because I wouldn't miss class just because I was traveling."

"A degree in business is universal - and I can make it fit any career path I want to take at BH Energy," said Maryanne.

Thanks to the tuition reimbursement program through BH Energy, Maryanne said around one-third of her college costs were covered by employer.

Maryanne said she immediately noticed the professionalism of BHSU faculty and said she's been impressed with the high-quality education she's received.

In addition to her own growth and career progression, Maryanne said she enjoys applying what she's learned at BHSU to help grow her husband's business, Reich Precision, a custom, hand-forged knife-making



"Annie" Reich pictured at a Birthday/Graduation party Saturday Dec. 8th.

company.

"For my very last assignment in Marketing Management, I created a marketing plan for his business. Using that plan is going to help us make Reich Precision more profitable," said Maryanne.

A community leader, Maryanne currently serves on three boards: the Belle Fourche Chamber of Commerce as acting president, the Belle Fourche Economic Development Corporation, and the Northern Hills United Way Board of Directors. She is also involved in Empower Belle Fourche, a collective impact group, and Toastmasters. She hopes to launch a Northern Hills Toastmasters Club in the near future.

"I have no idea how long it would've taken me to get my degree if it hadn't been for the online option at BHSU," said Maryanne. "It's not too late. It's awesome to learn something every day and apply it to real life. I'm looking forward to the next stage."

Other Belle Fourche BHSU graduates on Saturday:
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Cattle Report - Friday, December 7, 2018
Calf Market Slightly Higher
Cow Market Steady

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Calves

Bechtold, Jason , Willard MT	16 ..Blk Str.....	569..	\$169.50
Bechtold, Jason , Willard MT	16 ..Blk Str.....	483..	\$191.00
Bechtold, Jason , Willard MT	31 ..Bbld Hfr.....	574..	\$154.50
Bechtold, Jason , Willard MT	16 ..Bbld Hfr.....	481..	\$158.00
Bryant, Scott , Sturgis SD.....	19 ..Bbld Str.....	611..	\$165.00
Bryant, Scott , Sturgis SD.....	20 ..Bbld Hfr.....	575..	\$149.50
Crowley, Clinton Or Stephanie.....	5 ..Bbld Str.....	519..	\$180.00
Deer Creek Livestock Llc , Moorcroft WY.....	11 ..Blk Str.....	541..	\$172.00
Dye,Chip , Alzada MT.....	19 ..Blk Str.....	493..	\$187.00
Fix, Dusty , Ekalaka MT	25 ..Rrbl Str.....	748..	\$141.50
Fulton Ranch Llc , Broadus MT	22 ..B/R Str.....	844..	\$144.50
Fulton Ranch Llc , Broadus MT	28 ..B/R Str.....	695..	\$149.50
Fulton Ranch Llc , Broadus MT	118 ..B/R Str.....	497..	\$178.00
Fulton Ranch Llc , Broadus MT	61 ..B/R Str.....	425..	\$189.50
Fulton Ranch Llc , Broadus MT	55 ..B/R Hfr.....	393..	\$168.00
Griffis, Chad & Dee , Sundance WY.....	3 ..Blk Str.....	750..	\$149.00
Heart Tail Ranch Llp , Belle Fourche SD.....	6 ..Blk Hfr.....	1040..	\$136.50
Persson, Terrance , Gillette WY	11 ..Blk Hfr.....	440..	\$160.00
Policky Revoc Trust, Ivan F , Upton WY.....	65 ..Bbld Hfr.....	485..	\$162.50
Policky Revoc Trust, Ivan F , Upton WY.....	60 ..Blk Hfr.....	386..	\$178.50
Policky Revoc Trust, Ivan F , Upton WY.....	45 ..Blk Hfr.....	343..	\$177.00
Record, Raymond Or Phyllis , Gillette WY	23 ..Bbld Str.....	500..	\$181.00
Record, Raymond Or Phyllis , Gillette WY	13 ..Blk Str.....	581..	\$161.50
Scoggin, Rett & Abbra , Belle Fourche SD.....	15 ..Rrbl Str.....	689..	\$147.50
Scoggin, Rett & Abbra , Belle Fourche SD.....	5 ..Red Str.....	574..	\$162.00
Scoggin, Rett & Abbra , Belle Fourche SD.....	6 ..Red Hfr.....	536..	\$161.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie , St Onge SD.....	7 ..Rbld Str.....	607..	\$158.00
Tetrault, Tim Or Roxie , St Onge SD.....	5 ..Red Hfr.....	560..	\$149.00
Thomsen, Chris , Belle Fourche SD.....	3 ..Blk Str.....	553..	\$170.00
Wood, James R & Teresa G , Moorcroft WY.....	5 ..Blk Str.....	450..	\$199.00

Weigh Ups

Blake, Clark , Belle Fourche SD	2 ..Blk Cow.....	1330....	\$63.50
Blake, Clark , Belle Fourche SD	3 ..Blk Cow.....	1121....	\$64.50
Brown, Steve Or Kathy , Sturgis SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1795....	\$51.50
Brown, Steve Or Kathy , Sturgis SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1485....	\$51.50
Brown, Steve Or Kathy , Sturgis SD.....	3 ..Blk Cow.....	1348....	\$52.50
Capitol Llc , Capitol MT	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1210....	\$76.00
Capitol Llc , Capitol MT	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1180....	\$71.00
Crowley, Clinton Or Stephanie , St Onge SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1545....	\$60.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn , Osage WY	13 ..Blk Cow.....	1216....	\$60.00
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn , Osage WY	1 ..Blk Cwette.....	1145....	\$73.50
Davis, Lloyd Or Kathryn , Osage WY	1 ..Blk Cwette.....	1090....	\$74.50
Fields, Nancy , Sturgis SD	2 ..Blk Cow.....	1585....	\$59.00
Gaskill, Dan , Volborg MT.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1785....	\$61.00
Gaskill, Dan , Volborg MT.....	9 ..Blk Cow.....	1381....	\$59.50
Gustafson, Bruce , Capitol MT.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1230....	\$77.50
Habeck, Philip W & Jeanne M , Moorcroft WY.....	9 ..Bbld Cow.....	1372....	\$63.00
Heart Tail Ranch Llp , Belle Fourche SD.....	1 ..Blk Hfr.....	1080....	\$84.00
Horton, Kelly , Sturgis SD.....	1 ..Red Cow.....	1470....	\$60.50
Kerr, Justin , Camp Crook SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1565....	\$60.50
Kerr, Justin , Camp Crook SD.....	1 ..Blk Cwette.....	1345....	\$64.00
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch Llc , Spearfish SD.....	14 ..Blk Cow.....	1396....	\$62.00
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch Llc , Spearfish SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1370....	\$98.00
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch Llc , Spearfish SD.....	10 ..Blk Cow.....	1307....	\$71.50
Miller's Crow Creek Ranch Llc , Spearfish SD.....	2 ..B/R Cow.....	1535....	\$46.00
Palo, Jim Or Cheryl Or Jesse Arends , Newell SD	6 ..Blk Cow.....	1522....	\$60.50
Patten, Ward , Broadus MT.....	6 ..Bbld Cow.....	1193....	\$53.00
Rasmussen, Dean Or Maxine , Camp Crook SD	5 ..Herf Cow.....	1365....	\$50.00

Roush, Rusty A , Gillette WY..... 1 ..Blk Cow..... | 1225.... | \$70.00 || Roush, Rusty A , Gillette WY..... | 2 ..Blk Cow..... | 1220.... | \$55.50 |
Roush, Rusty A , Gillette WY.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1165....	\$68.00
Secrest, Shannon , Buffalo SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1050....	\$75.00
Secrest, Shannon , Buffalo SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	960....	\$72.50
Semlek, Mark A Or Sheila R , Moorcroft WY.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1700....	\$55.00
Semlek, Mark A Or Sheila R , Moorcroft WY.....	3 ..Blk Cow.....	1480....	\$58.50
Semlek, Mark A Or Sheila R , Moorcroft WY.....	9 ..Blk Cow.....	1377....	\$52.50
Semlek, Mark A Or Sheila R , Moorcroft WY.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1305....	\$81.00
Short Grass & Company , Belle Fourche SD.....	6 ..Blk Cow.....	1460....	\$62.00
Short Grass & Company , Belle Fourche SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1115....	\$81.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra , Sturgis SD	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1895....	\$58.00
Sigman, Bryce Or Sandra , Sturgis SD	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1365....	\$54.50
Smith, Earl , Union Center SD.....	2 ..Bbld Cow.....	1357....	\$60.50
Smith, Earl , Union Center SD.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1645....	\$64.50
Smith, Ray Or Sandra , Sonnette MT.....	3 ..Blk Cow.....	1231....	\$67.00
Trohkimoinen, Tyler Or Jill , Vale SD	8 ..Blk Cow.....	945....	\$80.00
Vineyard, Tod & Vicky , Newcastle WY	8 ..Blk Cow.....	1155....	\$85.00
Williams, Dennis L Or Grace E , Moorcroft WY.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1595....	\$63.50
Williams, Dennis L Or Grace E , Moorcroft WY.....	1 ..Blk Cow.....	1375....	\$60.00
Williams, Dennis L Or Grace E , Moorcroft WY.....	2 ..Blk Hfrt.....	1020....	\$83.50

Friday - December 14, 2018
Spring Calf & Bred Cow Special
9:00 AM – Weigh Ups Noon - Bred Cows Followed by Calves

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Dave Hayden – 240 Blk Strs – 475-575# - Bt, Pc

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- 35 Herf Mixed Age Cows – Bred Herf – 4/10
Leo Mcdonald – 60 Blk 3 To 8 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 3/10
Staple Three Sheep – 50 Blk Mixed Age Cows – 4/1
Triple T Ranch – 25 Blk Hfrs To Solid Mouth Cows – Bred Blk – 4/15
Kenny Meccage – 21 Blk Mixed Age Cows – Bred Blk
Wells Ranch - 16 Blk 3 To 7 Yr Old Cows – Bred Blk – 3/25
John Allan – 8 Blk Short Term Cows – Bred Blk – 3/1 For 60 Days
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Pairs

Dave Hayden – 5 Blk Fall Pairs

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Sheep Report - December 6, 2018

Good Run Of Sheep For Today
Heavy Feeders Sold \$3 To \$5 Higher, Medium Weight Lambs Sold Steady
Light Lambs Were \$10 Higher
Slaughter Ewes Were \$2 Higher - Replacement Ewes Sold Steady

Next Sale - Dec 13Th - Regular Sheep Sale - Last Sale Of 2018
Thank You For Your Business!

Feeder Lambs

Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX.....	35.....	Lambs.....	66.....	\$211.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX.....	263.....	Lambs.....	85.....	\$159.00
Arledge Ranch, Robert Lee TX.....	605.....	Lambs.....	103.....	\$149.25
Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT.....	78.....	Lambs.....	100.....	\$153.75
Bucklin Ranches, Redstone MT.....	22.....	Lambs.....	122.....	\$124.00
Davis, Dan & Barb Hoffman, Buffalo SD.....	55.....	Lambs.....	59.....	\$226.00
Davis, Dan & Barb Hoffman, Buffalo SD.....	151.....	Lambs.....	78.....	\$176.00
Jay, Leon, Hulett WY.....	8.....	Lambs.....	45.....	\$222.00
Jay, Leon, Hulett WY.....	59.....	Lambs.....	57.....	\$211.00
Jay, Leon, Hulett WY.....	131.....	Lambs.....	73.....	\$172.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD.....	13.....	Lambs.....	60.....	\$210.00
Jensen, Andrew, Newell SD.....	15.....	Lambs.....	70.....	\$191.00
Murmion, Jack, Jordan MT.....	56.....	Lambs.....	85.....	\$163.00
Murmion, Jack, Jordan MT.....	250.....	Lambs.....	103.....	\$152.75
Waterland, Chuck, Alzada MT.....	21.....	Lambs.....	73.....	\$180.00

Replacement Ewes - Sold By The Head

Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT.....	150.....	Ss-St Ewes.....	154.....	\$120.00
Hansen, Mike, Nisland SD.....	20.....	S-Ss-St Ewes.....	182.....	\$170.00
Hansen, Mike, Nisland SD.....	55.....	S-Ss-St Ewes.....	182.....	\$155.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	23.....	5 & 6 Yr Old Ewes.....	166.....	\$160.00
Stadheim, Jeremy, Reeder ND.....	72.....	5 & 6 Yr Old Ewes.....	165.....	\$150.00

Slaughter Ewes

Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT.....	34.....	Klr Ewes.....	155.....	\$54.00
Dale Edwards Inc, Broadus MT.....	39.....	Klr Ewes.....	141.....	\$40.00
Kling, Ed, Nisland SD.....	7.....	Klr Ewes.....	168.....	\$54.00
Kling, Ed, Nisland SD.....	11.....	Klr Ewes.....	200.....	\$46.00
Mitchell, Bernie, Dupree SD.....	4.....	Klr Ewes.....	161.....	\$54.00
Mitchell, Bernie, Dupree SD.....	22.....	Klr Ewes.....	208.....	\$46.00
Murmion, Jack, Jordan MT.....	28.....	Klr Ewes.....	160.....	\$54.00
Murmion, Jack, Jordan Mt.....	43.....	Klr Ewes.....	148.....	\$54.00

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by Jim Thompson

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The Christmas Guest

One of my all time favorites at Christmas has been recorded by Grandpa Jones, Johnny Cash, Archie Campbell and perhaps many others. I have no idea who wrote it, but I'd like to share with you:



The Christmas Guest

It happened one day near December's end, Two neighbors called on an old friend. And they found his shop so meager and lean Made gay with thousand bows of green And Conrad was sitting with face a-shine When he suddenly stopped as he stitched a twine And he said "Old friends, at dawn today, When the cock was crowing the night away The Lord appeared in a dream to me And said "I'm coming your guest to be." So I've been busy with feet astir Strewing my shop with branches of fern. The table is spread and the kettle is shined. And over the rafters the holly is twined. Now I'll wait for my Lord to appear And listen closely so I will hear His step as He hears my humble place. And I'll open the door and look on His face. So his friends went home and left Conrad alone For this was the happiest day he had known, For long since, his family had passed away And Conrad had spent many a sad Christmas Day. But he knew with the Lord as his Christmas Guest This Christmas would be the dearest and best. So he listened with only joy in his heart And with every sound he would rise with a start And look for the Lord to be at his door. Like the vision he had had a few hours before. So he ran to the window after hearing a sound But all he could see on the snow covered ground Was a shabby beggar whose shoes were torn And all of his clothes were ragged and worn. But Conrad was touched and he went to the door And he said, "You know, your feet must be frozen and sore. I have some shoes in my shop for you And a coat that will keep you warmer too." So with grateful heart

the man went away But Conrad noticed the time of day And wondered what made the Lord so late And how much longer he'd have to wait. When he heard a knock, he ran to the door But it was only a stranger once more. A bent old lady with a shawl of black With a bundle of kindling piled on her back. She asked for only a place to rest But that was reserved for Conrad's Great Guest. But her voice seemed to plead "Don't send me away, Let me rest for awhile on Christmas Day", So Conrad brewed her a steaming cup And told her to sit at the table and sup. But after she left he was filled with dismay For he saw that the hours were slipping away And the Lord hadn't come as he said he would. Then Conrad felt sure he had misunderstood. When out of the stillness he heard a cry "Please help me and tell me where am I?" So again he opened his friendly door And stood disappointed as twice before. It was only a child who'd wandered away And was lost from her family on Christmas Day. Again Conrad's heart was heavy and sad But he knew he should make the little girl glad. So he called her in and he wiped her tears And quieted all her childish fears. Then he led her back to her home once more But as he entered his own darkened door He knew the Lord was not coming today. For the hours of Christmas had passed away So he went to his room and knelt down to pray And he said "Dear Lord, why did you delay? What kept you from coming to call on me? For I wanted so much your face to see." When soft in the silence a voice he heard. "Lift up your head for I kept my word. Three times my shadow crossed your floor And three times I came to your lonely door. I was the beggar with bruised, cold feet And I was the woman you gave something to eat. I was the child on the homeless street. Three times I knocked, and three times I came in. And each time I found the warmth of a friend. Of all the gifts, love is the best. And I was honored to be your Christmas Guest.



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Buffalo, SD Barrel Racer Competes in First WNFR in Las Vegas

MARK LEVERINGTON
Special to the Beacon

LAS VEGAS - Her name is Jessica Routier, she's from Buffalo SD, and she has just qualified for her first-ever Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas. She enters the National Finals ranked in 8th place. She earned over \$98,000 in almost 60 rodeos this season. And you can bet that South Dakota is hoping this will be the first of many for the Harding County cowgirl.

Following the PRCA Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, Jessica took the time to talk to us a little about her first ever WNFR experience in Las Vegas. "I've never been to this before, so I'm taking it all in, that's for sure." Our interview took place before the first WNFR rodeo began, and Jessica was feeling very optimistic. "My horse "Missy" and I had our first practice this morning in the Thomas and Mack and it went really well. "Missy" was relaxed and it sure was a fun time this morning."

Jessica is the mother of 5 children, two of whom are twin three-year old's. "Even though this is a very exciting time, my three youngest children have never been away from Mom and Dad at the same time before. So, at the moment, my heart is at home hoping my kids are alright. I'm sure it's worse for "Mom and Dad" than it is for them."

The Buffalo, South Dakota,



BACK TO BUSINESS - Jessica Routier of Buffalo picks up her first WNFR back number in Las Vegas. Routier competed in nearly 60 rodeos this past season. *-Courtesy Photo*

cowgirl is one of three South Dakotan's to qualify for the WNFR. Bareback rider, Shane O'Connell of Rapid City and barrel racer, Lisa Lockhart of Oelrichs, also qualified. For Lisa, it's her 12th trip to Las Vegas. But for O'Connell and Routier, this is their first trip.

You can bet on two things

for Jessica Routier. You can bet those kids will be cheering their mom on big time for the 10 performances of the WNFR. And you can bet that South Dakota will join them every night, cheering on a Harding County mom who's qualified for the first time for the trip of a lifetime to Las Vegas.

Black Hills Roundup and Powder River Rodeo Continue Partnership

MARK LEVERINGTON
Special to the Beacon

For the Black Hills Roundup, the PRCA Convention means searching out new talent to entertain the crowds, attending meetings on how to improve the business of their event, and celebrating with the qualifiers of the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. It also means signing contracts, and before the WNFR began in 2017 a new contract was signed with Powder River Rodeo. So what does that have to do with this year? It means

even though the contract is signed, it's still important to take the time to get together to discuss the coming year. So the Black Hills Roundup committee met with Hank, Lori, and John Franzen of Powder River Rodeo to discuss the four rodeo performances coming up in 2019.

In 2018, Powder River Rodeo just celebrated 30 years of being the stock contractor for the Roundup. And that relationship will continue. Anytime you have one of the top stock contractors in the country coming to your rodeo, that

should make a committee pretty thankful. And because of a 30-year relationship, you'll find the same sentiment from the Franzen family. "Powder River Rodeo and D & H Cattle" are so excited this year for the Black Hills Roundup", Lori Franzen said. "To be inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame, to be looking ahead to the 100th year celebration of this terrific event, and now to be in Las Vegas at the PRCA Convention, waiting to see if they will win Medium Sized Rodeo of the Year for the PRCA, really makes us proud

and excited!"

And it goes both ways. That's because the Black Hills Roundup is cheering on Powder River Rodeo for being nominated for PRCA Stock Contractor of the Year for the 8th time. In 2018, Powder River Rodeo and their partners, D & Cattle have qualified 10 bucking horses and 9 bulls for the WNFR. Not only that, but you'll be impressed to know that 9 bulls will come of out of the bucking chutes on December 7th and 14th at the WNFR. "It's not too often you'll see that many bulls from one contractor at a WNFR", said Lori. "We rank number 2

among stock contractors in the nation bringing the most live-stock to the WNFR, and that's a huge feat."

America and Canada have over 80 stock contractors to choose from and the Black Hills Roundup is committed to bringing the best bucking stock to Belle Fourche, year after year. That's why the Black Hills Roundup works so closely with Powder River Rodeo. You can look for them every night as you watch the WNFR. Their rodeo athletes will be seen all 10 nights, and not too many stock contractors can say that.

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THUMBS UP - Lori Franzen of Powder River Rodeo gives a thumbs up in Las Vegas this week as the stock contractor will return for a 31st year at the Roundup. *-Courtesy Photo*

Rathbun Takes Over as BFID Manager

COLLEEN BRUNNER
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NEWELL – Jeff Rathbun brought with him a wealth of managerial experience to his position as manager of the Belle Fourche Irrigation District. He also brought ‘school of hard knocks’ experience as well from his childhood, helping his father David Rathbun on the family farm south of Nisland.

“It’s good to be back,” said Rathbun of returning to the NVN area. A primary reason for returning was the death of his mother, Lynn, and his father’s waning health, but the fact that he was able to find a position that fit his skillset so well, was a big plus.

Rathbun left the area in the mid-’80’s when he headed to Missouri Military Academy for two years. He graduated from there in 1985 and followed that up with a two-year stint in the Army as an armor crewman. He later went to school on the GI Bill, graduating with a degree in fire science/paramedic. He spent the next 27 years working full time in this capacity, moving from Missouri to Nebraska and Denver. He was the manager for a large tax district in Missouri the last two years, running an organization that had over 600 ambulances and several helicopters.

Rathbun came to the BFID just at the tail end of the 2018 water season, on September 22. With a good knowledge of the area, it didn’t take long for him to learn the ropes of management of this 55,000+ acre project.



BRINGING THE “RAIN” - Jeff Rathbun, newly installed manager at Belle Fourche Irrigation District, said he already feels pretty comfortable in the position and is glad to be back in the area. -Beacon Photo

“I had a pretty good idea of what I was getting into,” he said. “And how awesome it is to work here right now.”

He said the position is not without challenges, and the district was without a manager for some time, following the exit of Bill Anderson early last summer. He said he is short three ditch riders currently for the seven rides.

“We’re taking applications right now,” said Rathbun. He said it’s difficult when they have to get new ditch riders who don’t have the sense of history of the area, don’t know they farmers or what their water needs are.

“That transition of history is important,” he said. “Finding someone with experience, and being able to keep them long-term, is our desire.” He said most of his current ditch riders

have the ability to know who will want water, and when they will want it, and they also work well with the farmers, even those who are absentee owners. Rathbun said he wants to be a good financial steward, understanding how the money needs to be spent, and how to bring grant funding in.

“We just finished 500 feet of 36-inch pipe on the Beresford off Orman Road on the old Crowser place,” he said. There are no large projects in the works, only several small pipelines that will be put in next spring, so he has some time to get used to how things will work when the water season begins.

“I started my (EMT) career in Butte County and I ended it here,” he said. Now he will be getting used to a different way to serve the community.

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Analyzing the Situation (LEPC)

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BUTTE COUNTY – There is a committee made up of local government employees, elected officials, first responders, and interested members of the Belle Fourche, Newell, and Nisland communities that strives to analyze and assist in the planning of emergency response to incidents in the county. Known as the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), committee members meet quarterly to discuss emergency plans to be put in place throughout the county. At the December meeting, new officers were chosen for the new year. Stacey Raisanen was named chairperson and Mike Keolker was named as Secretary/Treasurer for 2019.

The incidents can range from a fuel spill to the release of toxic chemicals. Fire coordination is also part of the planning scenario that these committee

members examine. Plans are set in a Hazmat Report that includes procedures and building schematics and is available to all local fire departments, ambulance, and law enforcement. Aaron Fowler, Butte County Hazmat Coordinator, reported to the committee members concerning a few minor incidents that happened in the last few months in the area. He pointed out that the Spearfish area had a fuel spill recently when a semi-truck overturned.

“So, it can happen anywhere,” he said. And having a plan is important. Each fire department is aware of what is happening in the area and knows what to do, he added. At the quarterly meeting held December 5, two local businesses presented specific plans that each company has in place for emergencies.

Michael McNaught, Ring Container maintenance manager, laid out some of the details

of the manufacturing business. Ring Container uses no hazardous chemicals in making plastic bottles, ag chemical containers, food safe containers, and other plastic receptacles.

Ring Container does have 1000 gal. of combustible material that is spread throughout the facilities and includes fuel. The main product, pelleted plastic, comes by some rail cars and is handled in bulk. Otherwise it is delivered by truck. The pellets are not combustible.

There is a process set in place for the safety of the employees and visitors to the plant. The fire department is called and every employee and visitor are accounted for as they meet at specified places.

Permian is a local business that manufactures steel tanks used by the oil industry. The tanks hold crude oil, salt water and hydrogen sulfite gas. Bob Sieve laid out the details of Permian’s facilities and emer-

gency policies. The facility holds propane, argon gas, liquid O2 and CO2 and has a manifold that surrounds the inside building. There are emergency shutoffs throughout the building.

Sieve stated that Permian holds emergency response drills three times a year. Employees are trained in CPR and emergency response for the business. “I am OCD on safety,” Sieve said.

Paints and solvents are kept in a separate “bump out” storage area that has been built with explosive proof electrical devices. It has a two hour burn rate with sprinkler system. Biggest concern is static electricity in this part of the facility.

“If that were to spark, we would have an issue,” he said. And that is why the facilities are built as they are, he added. If there is an emergency response, people are set in place to direct EMS vehicles



MICHAEL McNAUGHT - Maintenance Manager from Ring Container.

and make sure responders are directed to the correct area. Committee members were invited by Ring Container and Permian to tour each facility. Tours will be set at a later date. The next meeting of the LEPC will be March 13 at 6 p.m. in the Butte County Commissioner Room at the county courthouse in Belle Fourche.

Masonic Lodge Free Parking Has a Cost

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BELLE FOURCHE – “We have a small problem that I hope we can work out to everybody’s satisfaction,” said Chuck Millar, a representative for the Masonic Lodge, which is located next door to the courthouse. Millar met with the commissioners at their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 4 at the courthouse. The issue he shared was his concerns about those who park next to the lodge on the north side of the courthouse and the fact that snow constantly slides off the roof and onto the vehicles. Last year one of the employees had snow fall and it actually broke the windshield.

“I was wondering about the county renting the parking lot,” said Millar. “We are trying to figure out ways to get away from this risk.” Millar was referring to the fact that the lodge had received a bill for the broken windshield, which they paid. “But we can’t afford

to pay for damages for snow sliding off our roof. If anybody has any suggestions, we’d like to hear them.”

Millar said that the property surrounding the lodge, including the area where people park when they visit the courthouse, belongs to the lodge. He said at one time there were signs and they were thinking about purchasing some more.

“One time we came to the lodge (in the evening) and there was no place to park ‘cause there was some kind of meeting here,” said Millar.

Sheriff Fred Lamphere, who was at the commissioner meeting, apologized for the fact that his drug meeting had used all the spots available. “The notice to not park there after 5 p.m. didn’t get reiterated to everyone like it should have,” said Auditor Elaine Jensen.

Millar said they had more claims for damage and felt that renting the property to the county would absolve them from liability.

Commissioner Kim Kling said this was a concern and he felt bad about the issue and that the lodge should not have to pay for the damages. He said he felt the county could purchase some signs and that they should state it was park at your own risk as well as no parking after 5 p.m. “Some days, when there’s a trial you can’t park within a block and a half because it’s all filled up,” said Lamphere.

The commissioners said that they needed to respect the fact that the lodge needs their parking.

“Our insurance doesn’t cover (someone parking there) and there’s nothing we can do about it,” said Millar. “We don’t want to eliminate the parking there for everyone. But that’s the situation, if you can come up with a solution. We would sure like to hear it. (But it’s) obviously worth something.”

The commissioners said they would discuss the situation further and talk about getting some signs at the very least.



SNOW SLIDE - The issue of snow falling on cars parked on the south side of their building. At least one vehicle was damaged by the falling snow.

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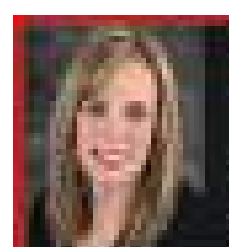


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GFP Commission Modifies Deer Proposal; Focus on Youth & Putting Residents First

PIERRE, S.D. – During the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks' (GFP) Commission meeting this week, enhancements were made to an existing proposal to give all deer hunters a chance of obtaining their most preferred deer license more often. The existing proposal was reverted back to the GFP Commission by the Legislature's Rules Review Committee on Nov. 20 for more work.

Enhancements to the existing proposal include:

1. Preference points for the combined deer drawings will be free to youth age 15 or younger during the calendar year when the preference point is acquired.

2. All first-time youth hunters, age 15 or younger during the calendar year of the drawing, would receive a bonus preference point upon submitting an application for any of the four limited-draw deer seasons during the combined drawing (East River Deer, West River Deer, Black Hills or Muzzle-loader). This bonus preference point would only be received to first time youth applicants.

a. Example: A first time youth hunter applying for a

West River Deer license at 12 years of age would receive one preference point for submitting an application. If unsuccessful, they would receive an additional point for being unsuccessful and have two for the following year. When they submit an application the following year they would then have two preference points at age 13.

b. Parents or guardians are reminded that youth can begin accumulating preference points at ages 10 and 11. Any preference point fees previously set for these ages would also be waived.

3. Nonresident deer hunting opportunities would be pushed back to the fifth draw, giving resident deer hunters an increased opportunity to acquire multiple licenses ahead of non-residents.

"With the current proposal and these enhancements, we are putting youth first and focusing on the retention of our resident hunters. Approximately 3,800 deer hunters who would have been sitting on the sidelines as an unsuccessful applicant under the current system, would now have an opportunity to take to

the field for their preferred deer hunting season on an annual basis," stated Commissioner Russell Olson of Madison.

"This approach will put more individual deer hunters in the field, allowing families and hunting groups to maintain their hunting traditions more often while giving others a chance to develop theirs."

"We continue to emphasize that with the current proposal and with these enhancements, every deer hunter who submits an application in the first drawing will have an increased chance of drawing their preferred deer license before anyone draws two or more," stated Commissioner Gary Jensen of Rapid City.

The GFP Commission will finalize these actions on Jan. 10-11, 2019, at the RedRossa Convention Center in Pierre. To comment in person, the public hearing will be held Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. CST. Individuals can submit their comment online at <https://gfp.sd.gov/forms/positions/> or by sending them to 523 E. Capitol Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

Commissioners Hear From Postmaster

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BELLE FOURCHE – At the first meeting of the Butte County Commission for the month on December 4, the group once more discussed the roads situation, getting some input from Postmaster Anne Carter, who brought state statute informa-

tion to the commission.

There has been some issue as the commission has discussed low and minimum maintenance road policy, that some mail route roads have not been being maintained. Thus, Ms. Carter came to bring information on statutes 31-13-19 and 31-13-20 which address these issues.

The first addresses the county's maintenance and repairs of mail routes, some of which the county now has marked as low or minimum maintenance. 31-13/20 deals with payment for such roads.

"According to this you have to maintain those roads," said Carter. "The roads I have problems with, I'm talking about the low-no maintenance."

Chairman Frank Walton asked, "Have you provided that list to the highway department at all?"

Carter admitted she had not been as on top of things as she should have been, but that several carriers had issues with getting stuck on some of the county roads, and she felt it was time to make sure everyone was on the same page.

Highway Superintendent Dwayne Heidrich asked who established the routes and Carter answered that the postal service did, but that the roads in question were on routes that had been established long ago. She asked how the county determined when and which roads were designated as low or minimum maintenance. She also said that the roads discussed at the meeting included roads where residences were located all along the road.

"We wouldn't add any mailboxes except to already established routes," said Carter. She did say that if there were new residences on roads not established already as a mail route that the resident would have to place a box on the closest road that a mail route covered.

Commissioner Kim Kling asked if the postal service had any contact with commissioners prior to establishing routes. Since all the Butte County

routes had been established long ago Carter said it was before her time.

The discussion led to ACC road which is a connection between Highway 212 and 3V road, but is considered low maintenance, or a secondary road by the county and is not addressed until all school bus routes and other primary roads are taken care of.

Heidrich said no one lived on the road, but Carter said her mail carrier traveled the road six days a week and it would be a substantial amount of mileage added to the route when the road was inaccessible. It was intimated that American Colloid "took care of the road" because they had haul trucks traveling it. Carter said that Colloid does not always have trucks traveling that road, only when they are in the area.

"If it is listed as a secondary, we're gonna plow it, but it will be down on the list," said Kling.

Commissioner Kim Richards said he felt it was an issue more that the county workers didn't know that it was a mail route.

Walton ended the discussion with a comment about looking further at the issue but needing to move on to other topics.

Auditor Elaine Jensen and Director of Equalization Lisa Nelson spoke to the board about rearranging the county offices in the new administration building to make use of some space not utilized and also to make room for a new part-time worker in the Equalization office.

"It would help to make things flow better," said Nelson. After a period of discussion, Commissioner Stan Harms said he thought it was a "lousy idea" and that there had already been enough moving around already with all the remodeling. Kling questioned if there would be a cost involved and Jensen responded that there would not be.

Walton said to figure out what they needed to do with as little moving as possible and report back.

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Looking Back in Belle

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by Mary Buchholz



122 Years Ago – Belle Fourche Times 16 December 1896
Butte County Thrown Out. State Canvassing Board Passes Butte and Lawrence Looks Like a Plot to Thwart the Will of the People

A Pierre dispatch of the 4th says: At the afternoon meeting of the state canvassers the board canvassed the returns from Lincoln county, but declared there no returns from Lawrence and Butte counties, and the unorganized counties attached to Butte, and adjourned to Dec. 17, during which time the secretary of state is instructed to secure duly certified returns from those counties, bearing the required seal of the auditor. The county abstracts are made out in triplicate, one sent to the secretary of state, one to the auditor and one to the governor. The one sent to the secretary of state is opened at once for the purpose of making a schedule. The action of the state has been most peculiar, to say the least. The law specifies that they shall assemble and make a final county within thirty days after the election. Here to fore it has been customary to make the count as soon as all the county abstracts had been received. This year, as soon as it had been ascertained that the gang had been defeated, the date for the final county was set for the last day named in the law for the purpose of giving as much time for manipulation as possible. Lawrence and Butte counties gave the Bryan electors ticket over 700 majority, hence will be seen the importance to the defeated Republican candidates of throwing out the vote of those two counties as it would elect their ticket from top to bottom. The Times is loth to believe that the simple neglect of a county official to properly certify the returns, is sufficient grounds for disfranchising the voters of that county, and no court of justice would so order. Nothing but political corruptpness and partisan blindness could possibly influence a court to such a decision.

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100 Years Ago
Dec 19, 1918
The Northwest Post
Meat Producers Did Full Duty: Increase in American Hogs, Will to Meet World Fat Shortage

Through increased production and conservation we will be able this year to export seven times our pre-war average exports of pork products. With the heavy demands added in caring for the millions who have been freed from German oppression, the Department of Agriculture and the Food

Administration are justified today in our every action of stimulation of hog production. In the coming year the greatest world shortage will be in fats, and pork will help to save this situation. Reports compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture indicate an increase in cattle of 10,238,000 head and 12,441,000 hogs. In this period there was a decrease in sheep of 819,000 head.

A sufficient quality of influenza serum has been received in this city to vaccinate everyone who desires it. All children calling at the Commercial Club rooms will be vaccinated free of charge, while adults will be charged the usual fee.

Lieutenants Paul Quarnberg and Ralph Duba arrived home last Saturday from New York City, where they were recently mustered out of Uncle Sam's service. The boys had been ordered to report at New York for over-seas duty in the aviation branch of the service, and had the war lasted another week they would have been on their way to France. They had already purchased their over-seas equipment and were anxious to get into the big game. However, they have gained some valuable experience from their training in the several aviation schools and which will be of great benefit to them in years to come, and they have no regrets for the time thus spent.

Sugar Showed Our Backbone American Willingness to Give Up Luxury Demonstrated Nation's War Conscience

The fact that the people of the United States were able to reduce by more than one-half million tons their July, August, September and October consumption of sugar proves conclusively that their war conscience was thoroughly awakened and that the country as a whole stood ready to follow the injunctions of the Government. Our normal consumption of sugar in the four month period beginning with July has been 400,000 tons per month. In July, when our sugar stringency began to each its height, consumption was reduced to 260,000 tons. If the general public had failed to observe the injunctions of the Food Administration this country would have been in the throes of a sugar famine before the end of August. Our visible supplies were so low as to bring great anxiety to those familiar with the sugar situation. They feared that it would be absolutely impossible to reduce consumption to a point where sugar would not longer be a mere luxury in the American diet.

Few accomplishments of the Food Administration will stand forth so predominantly as this reduced consumption of sugar.

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75 Years Ago – The Belle Fourche Daily Post December 9, 1943
1,092 Yanks Die in Bloody Fight for Gilbert Islands Marines Suffer Heaviest Losses in History; 6,000 Japanese Killed
Admiral Chester Nimitz disclosed Wednesday night that the bloody 76-hour campaign for the capture of the Gilbert Islands had cost the United States 1092 men killed and most of them marines who fell in the struggle for Tarawa. It was the heaviest toll the marines had suffered in any battle in their fighting history. In addition to those killed there were 1680 wounded – a total of 3772 casualties. Compared to this figure the Japanese suffered 6000 men killed. Meanwhile, in the southwest Pacific area, allied destroyers have shelled the Japanese bases at Gosmata, New Britain, and Madang, New Guinea, carrying out their attacks in waters hitherto controlled by the Japanese.

Dog Panic Sheep; 119 Animals Lost

Dogs which entered the sheep pens during the night were reported to have caused the death of 119 head of sheep belonging to Nick Stetter, rancher near Belle Fourche, it was disclosed yesterday. According to available information, the incident occurred Thursday night. About five dogs, some of them belonging to Stetter, entered the pens and panicked the sheep. In the ensuing chase, over 100 of the animals were smothered or trampled to death as they stampeded around the pen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sly Enter-

tain Store Staff

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Sly were hosts to their store employees and their families – a party of about 30 – with a turkey dinner at the Don Pratt grill last night. After the dinner, served at 7 o'clock, the group went to the Sly home for a social evening. The staff of the store has been planning to give a house warming for Mr. and Mrs. Sly, who recently purchased the Dr. J. L. Chassell home. The Slys, so they said, "just beat them to it."

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50 Years Ago
The Belle Fourche Daily Post December 7, 1968
Sloan Heads Ticket Sales for McGovern

Harold Sloan, Jr., Butte county Democratic chairman, has been appointed county ticket chairman for two McGovern victory dinners to be held in South Dakota Dec. 9 and 10. One dinner will be held at the Mitchell Masonic Temple, Dec. 9 and the other will take place in the Rapid City 4-H Building Dec. 10. Senator George McGovern will be the honored guest at both event.

Dr. O. A. Jewett Heads Cosmopolitan Club

Dr. O. A. Jewett was named president of the Belle Fourche Cosmopolitan Club at the organization's meeting here Wednesday night. Named to serve with Dr. Jewett were Al Shaw, vice president and Fred Beeman, secretary-treasurer. The officers will be installed following the banquet in January.

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31 Years Ago
Belle Fourche Daily Post Dec. 3 & 6, 1987
Bush Visit to Belle First Time for U.S. Leader in 60 Years
Vice-President George Bush's

visit to Belle Fourche will mark only the second time, as far as anyone can remember, a U.S. president or vice president has been to the community. The last time was in 1927 when President Calvin Coolidge came to the Black Hills Roundup. This visit by Bush is part of a campaign swing for him thru the Northern Hills while he is making an official visit to Ellsworth Air Force Base. He will make stops in Sturgis and Spearfish before coming to Belle for a stop at Max's Restaurant at 2:45 p.m.

Vice President Stops, Talks, Shakes Hands

A crowd of over 70 people filed into Max's Restaurant Wednesday afternoon to shake hands with Vice President George Bush who was on a campaign swing thru the Northern Hills. Bush arrived in a motorcade of two limousines flanked by highway patrol and cars full of Secret Service men. He was greeted at the front of Max's by Belle Fourche elementary students and took time to visit with them before going inside. Bush shook a few hands from behind a rope barrier as he was introduced to former state representative George Mortimer, Mayor Bob Helmer, state Speaker of the House Debra Anderson and other Butte county Republican leaders. Former Governor Bill Janklow introduced Bush to the crowd by explaining his credentials and the accomplishments of the vice president. Bush concluded his 50-minute visit by saying he wanted their support. He thanked Belle Fourche for their hospitality, pushed the rope barrier away and stepped into he crowd to shake hands and visit with anyone who approached him.



PRESENTED A GIFT -- Vice President George Bush is presented with a decorative South Dakota plate at his political stop in Belle Wednesday. He said his wife Barbara collected the plates and they both appreciated the gift. Mayor Bob Helmer and former state representative George Mortimer look on as the presentation is made.



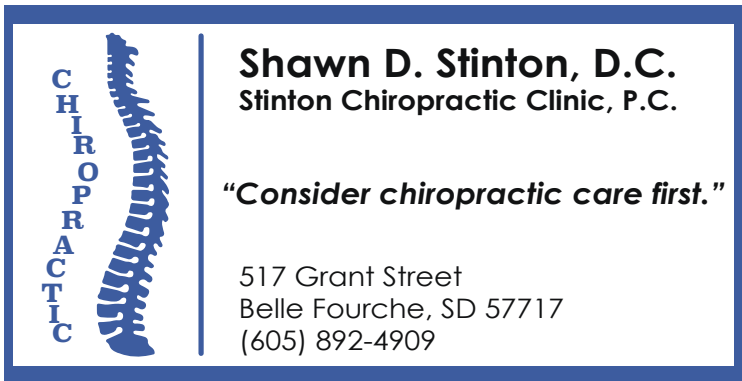
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Capitol News

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It looks like winter has arrived. The first part of the week was still nice fall weather, but on Friday night things cooled down and it began to snow.

Ronda Cordell spent Monday and Tuesday preparing for her knee surgery. She went to town on Tuesday afternoon to stay overnight. On Wednesday morning, she had knee surgery scheduled in Spearfish. Ronda left her car at Scott Peterson's for an oil change, and Cristen Westling came to Belle Fourche to take Ronda to Spearfish for a chiropractor appointment before going to the Spearfish Regional Hospital at 10:30. She had plenty of time, because her doctor had an emergency, so her surgery moved back to 2:00. That gave her time to visit with some of the hospital personnel that had been to Tie Creek on hunting trips. Afterward, the doctor told her the surgery had gone well. Her visitors that afternoon were; Curt, Krista, Caden and Carsen Zolnoski from Rapid City, Clint, Denise, Darby and Abby Zolnoski, Kim and Gene Secrest, and Cristen Westling.



Cristen came back on Thursday afternoon to take Ronda home to the ranch. Diane Wear came each day this week to help with chores. She spent overnight Tuesday and Wednesday doggy sitting. The dogs are now enjoying the in-house company, and Cristen has been there helping Ronda. Ronda is thankful to have such a great

daughter. Cristen has also been decorating the hot mustard jars to be sold as Christmas gifts. Ronda is donating all proceeds for them to the Camp Crook Area Community Center.

Erma Albert visited Crystal at the Buffalo clinic on Monday. She had a chiropractor's appointment in Buffalo on Tuesday. On Friday, Dick made a trip to the hills to do some shopping and pick up some boots he had ordered. Erma went to Bobbie's great fried chicken dinner at the Senior Center that day. They went to church on Sunday, and afterward were invited to lunch at Saloon Number Three, with John and Carol Helms and Father Ed. There were others gathered there after church and they all had a good visit. Lynn Gustafson had a dentist's

appointment in Belle Fourche on Wednesday. She and Bruce went to church at Little Missouri on Sunday, where a prospective pastor gave the service. Next Sunday, there will be another visiting pastor who will interview for the position.

Doug Davis helped Lathams preg-check on Tuesday. Terry Goehring came over to help Doug pound steel posts on Thursday, and they got the posts in before the cold weather. It was great to have the help and they got a lot done. The wire can go up now around the calving pasture.

Justin Kerr helped out at Latham's on Tuesday, too. Then on Thursday, he went to help Rasmussens preg-check. He is glad to have his mother retired, and out at the ranch during the week to help out. Marion and Kyra hang out together much of the time.

Donna Lewis went bowling in Baker on Thursday, but kept to home the rest of the week, and the snow limited visitors.

Ernie and Rachel Melum also had a quiet week. Tommy is busy with school and they have gotten the hay all in.

Dorothy Padden got home on Monday after being in Belgrade for her brother, Wayne's, funeral. On Tuesday, she went to Buffalo for the Wrestling

tournament. It included high school and junior high students. The kids got to make snowmen on Saturday.

Billy Roadifer learned that his cousin, Ella's, granddaughter had been in a terrible accident. On Friday, Billy sent a load of steers to the sale in Ft Pierre.

Bryce and Dawn Padden took, Dorothy Padden and Helen Stevens to Buffalo to watch their grandson wrestle. The meet was called a quad, but actually had teams from six schools. The junior high coaches inquired about having exhibitions of the younger students, so all the schools brought junior high students, too. On Friday, Dawn went to Ekalaka to visit her sister Michelle Tooke, and to help her remove carpet so they could put down laminate flooring. On Saturday, it had snowed, so Dawn took the kids outdoors. Soon they were making snow angles and getting quite wet. They found that the snow was great for snowman building, even though it contained lots of moisture.

Charlie Odell went to the Spearfish Rehab Center on Tuesday for a doctor's appointment to check out his shoulder. He may need some new body parts. On Wednesday, he inspected yearlings for Ivan Teigen, and hauled hay home

from Lil Odell's pasture. Karen flagged a couple of times while Charlie brought machinery home from South Dakota. She is still putting down flooring between rests for icing her back. If she is careful, her back seems to be improving. Charlie inspected cows for Paddens on Thursday, and for Billy Roadifer on Friday. Karen took Minnie to the vet in Belle Fourche on Friday for a check-up after dog ear infection. It began to rain on her way home on the Norwegian Cut-Off, and it rained over a half inch before that turned to snow. Then on Saturday, they got around four inches of snow. On Sunday, the doors to all the vehicles were frozen shut, so they did their Bible reading and watched church on TV. The music is great this time of year.

Karen Odell watched The Ohio State game against Northwestern, this weekend. It was a really good game for both teams. Don't know if Kim Bail and Heather Kornemann were watching, but all Ohio people seem to be fans. Even Bowling Green and Ohio Northern graduates still cheer for The Ohio State. A few of the Northwestern players were from Ohio, too, so it would have been a win either way. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

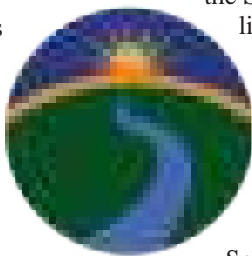
Grand River Roundup

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It was chilly all week with only a couple days where the mercury got barely above freezing, but if the weatherman is right next week should be warmer.

President George H.W. Bush passed away at 94 years of age and most of the news coverage this week was about his two funerals and his burial at the Bush library in Texas next to his wife Barbara and their three-year-old daughter that died from leukemia.

Sadly, there were three more deaths we learned about this week. Our old friend and rodeo buddy, Merle Clark, age 80, passed away November 13 in Billings, MT. His funeral was in Baker on the 19th and he was buried at the Riverside Cemetery in Marmarth. We hadn't heard anything about Merle's death until his obituary was in last week's Eido. Merle's father, Elmer Clark, judged a lot of rodeos in southwest North Dakota. Clark Spethman and Elmer were judging the rodeo in Marmarth when Reub scored



the highest he ever made on a bareback ride – a whopping 98 points! That still makes us smile.

George Coyle's mother, Anna Coyle, 98, also passed away on November 13 in Bismarck. Anna's obituary was in the Corson/Sioux County News-Messenger. Her funeral was November 20 in Selfridge, ND, with burial in the St. Philomena Catholic Cemetery.

Our dear friend Gert (Vliem) Kooiman, 101, passed away this Saturday, December 8 on her granddaughter, Amanda Schuchard's birthday.

For several months I've been going to go down to Heier's and interview Gert for a column in Range Magazine entitled "Red Meat Survivors", but as usual, I procrastinated and didn't get it done.

Taz and Reub worked on the new building this Tuesday while Casey welded on the gates for the new fence they put in down the creek. Rep. Sam Marty called to let me know that the Perkins County Preda-

tor Board was meeting in Bison that afternoon so we both attended the meeting in the Grand Electric Social Room. Several folks from GF&P were there, including the Perkins County trapper, Colton Taylor. Almost 600 coyotes were killed in Perkins County this year, along with a few fox. Those coyotes are everywhere! The predator board helps sponsor the county coyote calling contests. The one in Bison will be December 15 and the one in Meadow will be January 5th.

Galen Niederwerder came Wednesday morning to renew the insurance coverage on the ranch and our vehicles. He was able to fill us in on how well their granddaughter Piper is doing after her latest heart surgery. That afternoon Reub and I went up to see the beautiful bench that Bill Holt made using box-elder wood and deer horns. He also showed us a couple bowls that he made out of wood from a buffalo berry bush. The gravel roads were pretty icy under the snow and it took me two tries to make the hill going in to their place, but seeing Bill's latest projects made it worth the trip.

The National Finals Rodeo started Thursday night, so we haven't had much sleep this week. Harding County's Jessica Routier has been doing pretty well in the barrel racing and she's fun to watch.

Friday was the 77th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. There are only five survivors of the bombing left alive, but this was the first year that none of the survivors, due to health issues, were able to make it to the memorial services in Hawaii. Sadly, there aren't many WWII veterans left alive. My father and several other local young men joined the army in February of 1941 and after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 the United States joined in the war. All of these local soldiers fought in the war until it ended in 1945 and all have since passed on.

Reub and I went to Hettinger after church on Sunday to hear the Borderline singers and the Northern Light Brass Choir perform at the Lutheran church that afternoon and attend the pancake and sausage medical benefit supper for Mel Eggebo at Scruffy's that evening. There

was a big crowd at both events and we got to visit with a lot of friends.

A few years ago, former Rep. Tom Hills sent me these quotes from Bob Hope about aging and his career in show business:

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ON TURNING 70
'I still chase women, but only downhill.'

ON TURNING 80
'That's the time of your life when even your birthday suit needs pressing.'

ON TURNING 90
'You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.'

ON TURNING 100
'I don't feel old. In fact, I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.'

ON NEVER WINNING AN OSCAR
'Welcome to the Academy Awards, or, as it's called at my home, 'Passover.'

ON PRESIDENTS
'I have performed for 12 presidents but entertained only six.'



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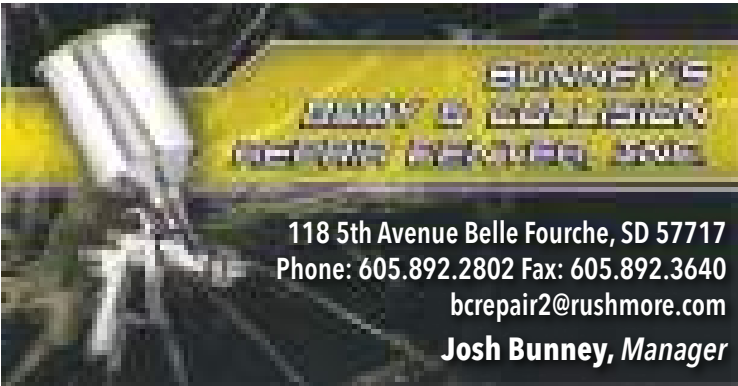
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Routier Making Her Mark at First WNFR

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As we go to press we are nearing the halfway point of Wrangler National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and through four rounds of the 10 round event in Jessica Routier is finding her footing at her first ever NFR.

The Buffalo, SD barrel racer took second place in rounds 2 and 3 to add more than \$40,000 to her season winnings. That helped her move up a few spots in the world standings and was in fifth place, just behind Lisa Lock-



hart. Routier also stood third in the average. Aboard Fiery Miss West, her palomino mare she calls "Missy," they ran the pattern in 13.58 seconds in round 4 marking her best time of the event thus far.

Oelrich's Lisa Lockhart made quite an impression by winning round two in 13.65 seconds to add more than \$26,000 to her season total. She currently sits fourth in the world standings but a couple of tipped barrels in the earlier rounds have left her out of the running for the average.

Bareback rider Shane O'Connell of Rapid City is fifth in

the average after round 4. He's placed in the money in rounds 2 and 4 with his best ride thus far coming in round 4 when he was 85.5 points to tie for third. The Rapid City Central graduate nearly finished in the money in the opening round with an 83-point ride which landed him seventh. The WNFR pays out to the top six finishers in each round.

In the Top Gun standings a barrel racer finds herself leading the way. Amberleigh Moore has won \$93,000 so far. The top Gun award goes to the athlete who wins the most money at the finals.

The WNFR continues through Saturday's final round.



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Mac & Terisa Thompson, Buffalo SD	12.....Black-Str	408.....	\$192.00
Justin & Myla Mills, Upton WY	82.....Black-Str	494.....	\$193.00
Justin & Myla Mills, Upton WY	23.....Black-Str	443.....	\$192.00
Beer Mug Ranch, Ludlow SD	87.....Black-Str	597.....	\$167.50
Dan & Joyce Tracy, Newcastle	71.....Black-Hfr	530.....	\$158.00
Troy Mills, Boyes MT	90.....Blk/BwF-Str	674.....	\$155.00
Troy Mills, Boyes MT	42.....Black-Str	614.....	\$162.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	98.....Black-Str	580.....	\$167.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	31.....Black-Str	455.....	\$199.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	40.....Black-Hfr	481.....	\$155.00
Tom & Suzanne Trusler, Ashland MT	21.....Black-Hfr	416.....	\$165.00
Tom Trusler Jr, Ashland MT	30.....Black-Str	647.....	\$151.00
Tom Trusler Jr, Ashland MT	15.....Black-Hfr	558.....	\$144.00
Jerry & Anita Fish, Aladdin WY	27.....Black-Str	658.....	\$153.50
Jerry & Anita Fish, Aladdin WY	29.....Black-Hfr	621.....	\$148.00
Leo Modonell, Columbus MT	20.....Black-Str	683.....	\$152.00
Leo Modonell, Columbus MT	55.....Black-Hfr	585.....	\$149.75
Cave Hills Cattle Co, Buffalo SD	35.....Char-Hfr	561.....	\$154.00
Jacqueline Crowley, St. Onge SD	38.....Black-Str	553.....	\$165.50
Jacqueline Crowley, St. Onge SD	23.....Black-Hfr	557.....	\$144.00
Roger & Terri Glass, Gillette WY	28.....Rd/Blk-Str	558.....	\$167.50
Roger & Terri Glass, Gillette WY	24.....Rd/Blk-Hfr	524.....	\$153.00
Dan Patton, Newcastle WY	18.....Blk/BwF-Hfr	597.....	\$149.50
Diamond Hook Ranch Inc, Ashland MT	24.....Black-Hfr	570.....	\$153.00
Alan & Luaine Shaykett, Nisland SD	33.....Blk/BwF-Hfr	558.....	\$158.00
Ron & Richard Anderson, Miles City MT	30.....Black-Str	492.....	\$191.00
Ron & Richard Anderson, Miles City MT	11.....Black-Str	447.....	\$198.00
Ron & Richard Anderson, Miles City MT	15.....Blk/BwF-Hfr	503.....	\$155.00
Nolan Reil, Broadus MT	16.....Black-Hfr	472.....	\$161.00
William & Darla West, Oshoto WY	2.....Black-Hfr	878.....	\$79.00
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	31.....Black-Str	576.....	\$168.50
Pilster Ranch Inc, Alzada MT	22.....Black-Hfr	542.....	\$153.00
Jack & Joann Morey, Clearmont WY	16.....Black-Hfr	625.....	\$142.50
Nancy Wiley, Spearfish SD	10.....Black-Hfr	590.....	\$149.50
Consignment From SD	18.....Rd/Blk-Hfr	520.....	\$149.50
3 Fingers Ranch Inc, Newcastle WY	14.....Red-Hfr	830.....	\$144.50
Anne Gergen, Broadus MT	5.....Black-Hfr	943.....	\$137.00
Don Vitto, Hulett WY	1.....Red-Cow	1,300.....	\$66.00
Todd Meccage, Baker MT	25.....Black-Cow	1,352.....	\$62.50
Art Meccage Jr, Baker MT	1.....Black-Cow	1,555.....	\$62.50
Dustin Buckmiller, Moorcroft WY	2.....Black-Cow	1,633.....	\$62.50
Dave & Kim Reed, Hulett WY	1.....BwF-Cow	1,200.....	\$62.50
Michael & Melanie Pittman, Belle Fourche SD	1.....BwF-Cow	1,470.....	\$62.00
Rebecca Kobielusz, Banner WY	1.....Black-Cow	1,255.....	\$61.50
Kenneth & Kevin Bird, Volborg MT	8.....Black-Cow	1,376.....	\$61.50
Alvin L Cordell, Camp Crook SD	7.....Black-Cow	1,589.....	\$60.50
Benny Bachand, Sturgis SD	2.....Black-Cow	1,438.....	\$60.50
Benny Bachand, Sturgis SD	3.....Black-Cowette	1,173.....	\$71.00
Rod & Corrine Schaffer, Broadus MT	2.....Black-Cow	1,260.....	\$58.50
Victor & Wesley Jones, Sundance WY	5.....Black-Hfr	963.....	\$92.00
Victor & Wesley Jones, Sundance WY	1.....Black-Cow	1,305.....	\$59.00
Weston & Molly Garrett, Gillette WY	1.....Black-Cow	1,480.....	\$58.50
Eugene Cadwell, Alzada MT	3.....Black-Cow	1,285.....	\$58.00
Donald Or Lisa Peterson, Buffalo WY	2.....Black-Cow	1,433.....	\$57.00
Leroy Schallenberger, Ekalaka MT	1.....BwF-Cow	1,610.....	\$55.50
Don Polich, Forsyth MT	6.....Black-Cow	1,248.....	\$55.50
Don Polich, Forsyth MT	6.....Black-Hfr	1,069.....	\$76.00
Ed Havlik, Kimball SD	1.....Black-Cow	1,315.....	\$55.00
Tom Andrews, Biddle MT	1.....Rd/Blk-Cowette	1,090.....	\$70.50
Dan Bird, Olive MT	2.....Black-Cow	1,323.....	\$54.50
William Ferguson, Wolf WY	1.....Black-Bull	2,100.....	\$71.00

WEANED CALF SPECIAL
Thursday - December13, 2018
BT=Branding Time Shots, PC=Precondition shots, NI=No Implants
DF=Drug Free, HR=Home Raised, NHK=No Heifers Kept
8:00 am - Weigh-ups - 11:00 pm - Feeders

FEATURE CONSIGNMENTS:

CALVES

Bull Ranch - MT	250	Blk mx chvs - BT, NI	500-550#
Gali Ranch - MT	200	Blk str chvs - PC	500-550#
Jessie Blankenship - MT	190	BwF/hef strs (120), 1st x bwf hfrs (70) NHK,weaned	500-600#
Ronda Cordell - SD	140	Blk hfr chvs - PC, NI, poured, weaned	600#
Doug Johnson - ND	140	Blk mx chvs - PC, NI, poured	560-600#
Tony Rathbun - WY	100	Blk str chvs - PC	600-650#
Justin Pihl - SD	100	Blk hfr chvs - PC, NI	550#
Clint Krambeck - SD	90	Blk mx chvs - PC, NI	575-675#
Warren Dunn - SD	90	Blk & bwf hfr chvs - PC, NI, poured, bv, weaned	575#
Mark Fix - MT	85	Blk str chvs - PC	550#
J&M Cattle Co - MT	85	Blk str chvs - PC, NI, poured	600#
Shane Finn - SD	75	Red str chvs - PC, NI, poured, weaned	700#
Rod Ross - WY	70	Blk str chvs - PC, poured, weaned, All Natural	525-550#
Del Dague - MT	55	Blk mx chvs - PC	600-700#
Gene Loder - ND	45	Blk mostly str chvs - PC, NI, poured, weaned	675-700#
Al Garr - SD	40	X bred mx chvs - BT, NI	450-500#
Chuck Grieves - WY	35	Blk, bwf, rwf str chvs - PC	450-650#
Trevor Hatch/Bill White - SD	30	Blk mx chvs - PC, NI	550-600#
Hawley Romanjenko - MT	20	Rwf str chvs - PC, NI, poured, weaned	550-600#
Bill Lewis - SD	7	Blk str chvs	600#
Greg Williams - MT	65	Blk, few red & char x str	825#

STOCK COW & BRED HEIFER SPECIAL
CHRISTMAS CLASSIC
Belle Fourche Livestock Market
Friday - December 14, 2018
12:00 pm Bred Stock- Weigh-ups to follow

FEATURE CONSIGNMENTS:

BRED HEIFERS

Monte Snook - WY	60	Red Angus hfrs	Bred Red Angus	cf 3/1 - 20 days (shots)
	50	1st x bwf hfrs	Bred LBW Angus	cf 3/1 - 20 days (shots)
Cross W Livestock - MT	150	Blk & bwf hfrs	AI Bred BAV Angus Valley 1867	cf 3/15 - 1 day (shots & poured)
Roger Lothspeich - MT	120	Red hfrs (1050 - 1100#)	AI bred - Schuler-rebel 0029X - cleanup Redland Red Angus	cf 3/1 - 30 days (shots & poured)
Iron Mountain Cattle - SD	100	Angus & bwf hfrs (HR)	AI bred Connolly Conrad, Connolly	cf 3/18 - 5 days
			Capitalist, Baldridge Bronc	
Mangen Angus - MT	100	Blk hfrs	Bred Black Angus	cf 2/24 (ultrasound tested 3 - 21 day cycles) (shots & poured)
C Cross Cattle Co - MT	95	Blk hfrs	Bred LBW Vermillion/ Stevenson Angus	cf 4/1 - 35 days
Richard Kieffer - SD	90	Red few blk hfrs (HR)	Bred Red & Blk Angus	cf 3/15 (shots & poured)
Scott Reder - SD	60	Blk hfrs	AI bred Connolly Conrad	cf 2/27 - 3 days
Bruce Crago - SD	50	F-1 hfrs	AI Coneally Conrad	cf 3/1
Brian Birkley - WY	10	Blk hfrs	Bred Black	cf 3/20 - 40 days
TC Outfit - SD (Age Dispersion)	210	Blk 4's cmg 5's (cows are 1/2 sisters)	Bred 1/2 Bros Green MTn Angus	cf 4/1 - 60 days (shots & poured)
Jason Miller - WY (Complete Disp of 3-6 yr olds)	120	Blk & red cmg 3's - cmg 6's	Bred Angus	cf 4/25
Park Wood (Complete Dispersion)	75	Blk 3's - broken mouth	Bred Black	cf 4/5 - 45 days
(closed herd forever)	15	Blk hfrs	Bred LBW Angus	cf 4/5 - 45 days
Tower Valley - WY (Age Dispersion)	80	Red Angus cmg 4 & 5's (HR)	Bred Red Angus	cf 4/8 - 50 days (Bulk calve 1st cycle)
Don Harpster - MT (Dispersion)	50	Blk & bwf mx age	Bred Black Angus	cf 3/25 - 45 days
Tom Giacometto - MT	115	Blk & red mx age	Bred Char & Black	cf 4/1
Chuck Waldie - MT	100	Blk, few red mx age	Bred Blk & Herf	cf 3/25
Monte Snook - WY	55	Red Angus cmg 4's	Bred Red Angus	cf 3/25
Zach Davis - WY	50	Angus cmg 4's	Bred Black	cf 4/1
Bryan Stroth Inc - WY	45	Blk & red short term	Bred Black	cf 4/1 - 60 days
Dan & Joyce Tracy - WY	42	Blk Cmg 8 & Cmg 9's	Bred Black	cf 4/15 - 45 days
Terry Masteller - WY	40	Blk 3's - Broken Mouth	Bred Angus	cf 4/1 - 60 dayd
Phillips Creek Rich - MT	40	Blk short term	Bred Black	cf 3/10 - 60 days
Lee Labree - MT	40	Blk short term	Bred Blk Ang & Herf	cf 4/10 - 60 days (shots & poured)
Jack Were - ND	20	Blk cmg 3's -8's	Bred Black Angus	cf 5/7
	10	Blk cmg 10's	Bred Black Angus	cf 4/1
Brownfield Ranch - MT	28	Blk & herf mx age	Bred Herf & Blk	cf 3/20 - 60 days (shots & poured)
Clabough Cattle - WY	28	Red mx age	Bred Red Angus	cf 3/15 - 50 days (shots & poured)
Brian Birkley - WY	25	Blk short term	Bred Black	cf 3/10 - 60 days
Sully Simons - WY	25	Blk short term	Bred Black	cf 3/10
Clint Stinson - MT	13	Blk short term	Bred Black	cf 4/1
Craig Helvik - MT	12	Blk 6's	Bred Vermillion & Current Creek	cf 4/1 - 60 days (shots & poured)
Don Mackay - MT	5	Red Angus cmg 3's	Bred Red	cf 3/10 (poured)

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